

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-34. (cancelled)

35. (previously presented) A printer or copier system with at least one of a pre-processing unit and a post-processing unit, comprising:

a printing unit that generates a print image on a carrier material;

an operating unit that is connected via a data line with the printing unit and via which data are transferable between the printing unit and the operating unit, the operating unit outputting at least one graphical user interface on a display unit for operation of the printing unit;

at least one processing unit connected with at least one of the printing unit and the operating unit for processing of the carrier material and such that data are transferable between the processing unit and at least one of the printing unit and the operating unit; and

in the processing unit, data are stored that are transferred to at least one of the printing unit and the operating unit and with which the graphical user interface is activated at least for operation of the processing unit.

36. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein data for the generation of at least the graphical user interface for the operation of the processing unit are transferred from the processing unit to a control panel.

37. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein with the aid of transferred data, the graphical user interface is displayed with data stored in at least one of the printing unit and the operating unit.

38. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein at least one common user interface for the printing unit and the processing unit is generated with the aid of transferred data and with aid of data stored in at least one of the operating unit and the printing unit.

39. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein the system comprises a second printing unit that generates a second print image on the carrier material, in the second printing unit data are stored that are transferred to at least one of the operating unit and to the first printing unit and via which a graphical user interface for operation of the second printing unit is at least activated.

40. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein the printing unit has at least one storage region in which program elements are stored that are loaded and executed by the operating unit to generate the graphical user interface, and wherein the operating unit is a client and the printing unit is a server such that the operating unit and the printing unit operate according to a client-server principle.

41. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein the graphical user interface is output with help of a browser program module, the browser program module is executed by a data processing system of the operating unit, and at least distributed objects are executed by the printing unit.

42. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 41 wherein the distributed objects comprise remote method invocation objects.

43. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein the operating unit is contained in a print server that supplies a print data stream to at least the printing unit.

44. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein the processing unit comprises a pre-processing unit which at least one of a roller unit, a feed unit, a dampening unit and a cutting unit to generate a predetermined paper format.

45. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein the processing unit comprises a post-processing unit which is at least one of a cutting unit, a binding unit, a stacking unit, a booklet unit, a cooling unit, a dampening unit and a second printing unit.

46. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35, wherein program modules to control and to generate the user interface are stored in the printing unit and are executed there, and that the program modules are displayed on a display unit of a data processing system connected via a data line with the printing unit and serving as an operating unit.

47. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein the printing unit and the processing unit are separate structural units.

48. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein the printer or copier system has at least a second operating unit, and the graphical user interface is displayed at a same time on both operating units, inputs in input fields of the graphical user interface being by nature only possible from one of the operating units.

49. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein the printing unit authenticates a respective control panel, and data to generate the graphical user interface are only transferable to an authenticated operating unit.

50. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 48 wherein given a write request via the operating unit, a write access right is assigned to this operating unit.

51. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 50 wherein the operating unit only receives the write access right when no further operating unit that has already been granted a write access right is connected with the printing unit.

52. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 51 wherein given a request for a write access right by the operating unit, a message via which an operating personnel of a further operating unit is asked to return the write access right is transmitted to the further operating unit.

53. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 52 wherein the operating unit has a higher user right relative to a further operating unit,

and the write access right is withdrawn from the further operating unit given a write access right request by the operating unit.

54. (previously presented) A printer or copier system according to claim 35 wherein the system comprises an electrophotographic printer or copier system.

55. (previously presented) A method to operate a printer or copier system with at least one of a pre-processing unit and a post-processing unit, comprising the steps of:

generating a print image on a carrier material with aid of a printing unit;

operating the printing unit with an operating unit with aid of a graphical user interface output on a display unit, the operating unit being connected with the printing unit with aid of a data line via which data are transferred between the printing unit and the operating unit;

processing the carrier material with the at least one processing unit, the processing unit being connected with at least one of the operating unit and the printing unit for transfer of data between the processing unit and the operating unit; and

with the processing unit transferring data to the operating unit via which said graphical user interface is at least activated for operation of the at least one processing unit.

56. (previously presented) A method according to claim 55 wherein the method is used for operation of an electrophotographic printer or copier system.

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